Bridge at Chavara.

101. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the bridge at Chavara (Quilon Division) is becoming more and more unsafe for traffic?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The bridge is not quite safe for heavy traffic.

MR. M. L. JANARDANAN PILLAI (*Nominated*): May I know how long this bridge has been in this condition?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: For the last three or four years.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether attempts are made to reconstruct or to repair that bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: An estimate has already been under preparation, but there is difficulty to get iron materials now.

License to wholesale beedi contractors.

102. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule prohibiting a wholesale *beedi* contractor from getting the license for the next year if he does not at least take 1200 lbs. of *beedi* tobacco and pay the customs duty for the same;

(*b*) whether there is any concession in the application fee for these contractors who have taken 1200 lbs. of *beedi* tobacco or five tons of tobacco during their previous year of contract and paid customs duty for the same;

(*c*) whether this concession, if any, is liable to be received by those who do not fulfil the above said conditions if there is any; and

(*d*) if there is no such concession, the number of applications received with only two chuckrams stamp from those people who have not taken 1200 lbs. of *beedi* tobacco or five tons of tobacco during their previous year of contract in the Excise Assistant Commissioner's Office, Parur?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) A licensee for the sale of *beedi* tobacco and *beedies* whose aggregate sale during the year does not exceed two candies shall not be entitled to a renewal of his license for the following official year, (*vide* Rule 6, condition XI (2) of the Tobacco Rules).

(*b*) & (*c*) Persons who hold licenses for a particular year, if they apply for license for the next following year, before the last day of the year for which they hold licenses, should affix two chuckrams court fee stamp to their applications. All others must affix half a rupee court fee stamp to their applications.

(*d*) Number of applications for 1117 affixed with two chuckrams court fee stamps—112.

Number of applications for 1117 affixed with half a rupee court fee stamps—60.

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